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TOPIC Military Activity in the Fuerstenwalde, Oranienburg, Rehagen and 25X1  
Wittenberg Posts 25X1

EVALUATION \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OBTAINED \_\_\_\_\_ 25X1

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REMARKS \_\_\_\_\_

This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. In early January 1955, the chief of Magazin 3 in Fuerstenwalde, Major Khalmetof (fnu), stated that the German personnel had to accompany the units to the Lieberose training grounds this year. In 1954, the German personnel was permitted to stay in Fuerstenwalde. Conferences with craftsmen on reconditioning of stores in Lieberose were held. 1

2. On 13 January, 8 trucks \_\_\_\_\_ were seen in Oranienburg about 100 meters north of Thaelmannstrasse immediately on the west bank of the Oranienburg Canal. The trucks carried pontoons with perforated steel girders, boards and beams. An officer and approximately 50 soldiers apparently began to unload the equipment.

3. On 14 January, a heavy ferry which consisted of 8 pontoons was seen in the canal near the place where the materiel had been unloaded on 13 January. Two soldiers were posted at the ferry site on the west bank of the canal. The trucks were no longer observed.

4. At about 1400 on 14 January, 9 pontoons and bridge building equipment were seen on the west bank of the Oranienburg Canal, about 100 meters north of Baerenklauer Bruecke. (bridge). Eight pontoons were halfway in the water. At about 1730, 6 soldiers were seen around a fire there. 2

5. On 8 January, it was learned that the enlargement of the Weisse Stadt settlement (4683) in Oranienburg, which was scheduled to be completed by Christmas 1954, can be completed only on 1 February because of shortages of material. After that date, the settlement was reportedly to serve for air force units exclusively. 3

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6. Prior to 16 January, the Eisenbahnpionier Kaserne (3381) in Rehagen was occupied as previously by approximately 2,000 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. On 15 January, approximately 50 motor vehicles were being filled at the athletic field. Guns were no longer observed at the known gun-parking lots.
7. Prior to 12 January, the Flak Kaserne (3583) and the Beseler Kaserne (3584) in Wittenberg were still heavily occupied.
8. At about 0600 on 12 January, 83 T-34 tanks and several JS-3 tanks left the Flak Kaserne and proceeded toward Euper northeast of Wittenberg. The tanks, which did not include tanks of the new type, were equipped as if for war and had a white camouflage painting. 5
9. Construction work at the Arado installation (3582) in Wittenberg continued. The installation was occupied to capacity by a tank training unit, soldiers of which wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. Prior to 12 January, up to 30 tanks were daily seen leaving toward the tank training area at Teuchel-Euper northeast of Wittenberg. 6
10. In the afternoon on 29 December, 19 T-34 tanks without numbers and with a grey-white camouflage painting were entrained in Wittenberg and left toward Jueterbog. On 5 January, 19 T-34 tanks which came from Jueterbog returned to the Beseler Kaserne (3584) in Wittenberg. Tank [ ] was seen. 7
1. [ ] Comment. Major Khalmetof (fnu) is known as chief of Magazin 3 in Fuerstenwalde. It is assumed that the 7th Gds Mecz Div will transfer to the Lieberose training grounds for summer training in 1955.
2. [ ] Comment. The 194th Engr Bn of the 25th Tank Div is quartered in the Weisse Stadt in Oranienburg. The observations on 13 and 14 January confirm the engineer battalion in its quarters.
3. [ ] Comment. It is believed that army units will not leave the Weisse Stadt settlement before the completion of the Oranienburg airfield and additional buildings at Camp Vogelsang (4823) near Templin. No indications of a transfer of elements of the 25th Tank Div stationed there have been observed so far. [ ]
4. [ ] Comment. The Eisenbahnpionier Kaserne is occupied by elements of the 2d Gds AAA Div.
5. [ ] Comment. The two tank regiments of the 6th Gds Tank Div quartered in the Flak Kaserne in Wittenberg probably conducted a joint march practice on 12 January (52d and 53d Gds Tank Regt).
6. [ ] Comment. The information confirms the U/i Tank Tng Bn of the 6th Gds Tank Div in Objekt Arado in Wittenberg.
7. [ ] Comment. It is believed that a tank firing detail of the 52st Gds Gds Tank Regt of the 6th Gds Tank Div was seen leaving for, and returning from, Jueterbog.

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